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The apparent prerequisites for your articles on matters of deep national concern, from Jefferson Morley's "Camelot and Dallas," is a writer's ignorance and prejudice while he is suffering from acute constipation of the intellect, like-minded editors and the substitution of exploitative fictions for fact.

Whether or not President Kennedy was killed as the end product of a conspiracy is a matter of fact, not of theory. If the crime was beyond the capability of any one man, then as a matter of fact, not of theory, there was a conspiracy. On the simplest of many factual bases this was a conspiracy because nobody, including the best shots the Warren Commission could get, was able to duplicate the shooting attributed to Oswald who, in the Marine Corps' own evaluation, was a "poor" shot.

To say that JFK planned to assassinate foreign leaders is to repeat the lie (safely made after he and Robert Kennedy both were assassinated) of those actually responsible for those attempts.

~~To say~~ Saying that JFK bugged Martin Luther King, Jr., is the author's own lie. The readily available fact is that Robert Kennedy authorized it when J. Edgar Hoover's manipulations gave him no choice and protecting King from the FBI's cointelproing required it.

To sneer about "the President's own bold initiatives"

based only on these fictions that take up most of the article and, with its fabrications, are the basis for it is to flaunt the author's and editors' ignorance of the Kennedy presidency beginning with the Cuba missile crisis and including such radical policy changes as the first effort at detente, the limited nuclear test-ban agreement. For their day they were "bold" and politically dangerous.

To represent that the sincere emotion of so many Americans at the anniversary of his assassination is the rancid schmaltz of "Camelot" and that this, not cheap commercialization of the tragedy, accounts for all the trash on TV and such lousy novels as Delillo's (which is plagiarized from its predecessors) is to further belittle both suffering and the great tragedy that turned the world around. Can it be that all you college-educated ignoramuses compare our country and the world as of the time he was assassinated and as they are today and not understand why this is so sorrowful a recollection for so many Americans?

In response to my six books on that assassination - no theorizing in any of them - I've received more than 15,000 letters from Americans from all walks of life and there is none of your "Camelot" nonsense in them. People are troubled because their government lied to them, with the lusty collaboration of the press; because they came to love JFK for what he was and for what he was doing when he was killed; and because of the great contrast between him and those who followed him.

Shame on all of you!

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